

Trends for Inspections and Penalties

DEP uses a variety of tools to identify noncompliance with environmental regulations. These include investigations by DEP's Environmental Strike Force, inspections, reviews of reports and monitoring data, audits, and follow-up to citizen complaints. The table below shows inspections and penalties for each of the past three fiscal years.

Type of Inspection	2001 (7/1/00 to 6/30/01) Full Year	2002 (10/1/01 to 9/30/02) Full Year	2003 (10/1/02 to 9/30/03) Full Year
Cross-media inspections (Environmental Strike Force Investigations)	434	387	270
Multimedia inspections of industrial facilities	634	730	584
Asbestos inspections	1228	938	810
Solid Waste facility inspections*	*	*	488
Other single media inspections of industrial facilities*	597	984	177
Waste site inspections	1688	1210	1470
Resource protection inspections	3015	2199	1986
Resource protection report reviews	53618	64,576	67,012
Certified laboratory inspections	30	37	19**
Type of Result			
Penalties to industrial facilities	\$1,912,600	\$2,100,206	\$1,567,136
Penalties to parties responsible for waste sites	\$383,050	\$523,588	\$2,020,413
Penalties to protect natural resources	\$375,361	\$595,252	\$381,063
Referrals to the Massachusetts Attorney General (MAAG)	27	12	25
MAAG settled cases, civil and criminal	14	23	19
MAAG penalties, civil and criminal	\$786,000	\$2,133,300	\$6,993,125***
Referrals to US EPA and others (municipalities, district attorneys)	1	12	0
Waste Site Cleanup cost recovery revenues	\$3,102,2101 (7/1/00-6/30/01)	\$1,356,329 (7/1/01-6/30/02)	\$561,241 (7/1/02-6/30/03)

* As of the FFY 2003 Mid-year report, DEP has begun reporting Solid Waste facility inspections as a separate category. Formerly, solid waste facility inspections were included in "Other single media inspections."

**This number reflects a staffing shortage at WES during the first half of calendar year 2003. In July 2003 a staff member received certification to conduct laboratory inspections. The program is now on schedule and has completed 35 inspections since July 1, 2003 through February 2004.

***This number is unusually high because of a single \$5,900,000 penalty assessed to the Waters Corp. in July 2003.